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Review of progress made in implementing conventions related to environment and sustainable development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21[1] adopted at its nineteenth special session, in particular part IV thereof, entitled "International institutional arrangements",

Recalling the Nairobi Declaration on the Role and Mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its nineteenth session,[2]

Recalling further its decision 52/445 of 18 December 1997, in which it decided to continue to review the progress made in implementing the conventions signed at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development or established as a result of the Conference, as well as other conventions related to sustainable development, bearing in mind section IV.A of the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,

Recognizing that policy decisions under the conventions are undertaken by their respective conferences of the parties, which are autonomous bodies,

Recalling decision 17/25 of 21 May 1993 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, by which the Governing Council adopted the Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law,[3]

[1] Resolution S-19/2, annex.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/52/25), annex, decision 19/1.

[3] Ibid., *Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/48/25), annex, decision 17/25.

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Aware of close linkages among various conventions and stressing the need for their further assessment, as appropriate, with a view to achieving synergies and multiple benefits and to promoting coherence of policies and actions, thus supporting progress in their overall implementation,

Recognizing the role of the General Assembly in fostering progress in the implementation of the conventions and of the commitments contained therein,

Recognizing also the role the Assembly should play in the overall development of international environmental law related to sustainable development from a cross-sectoral and integrated perspective,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of undertaking the review of the progress made in implementing the conventions related to sustainable development,[4]

1. *Decides* to undertake at future sessions integrated reviews of progress made in implementing the conventions related to environment and sustainable development, on the basis of an assessment of their linkages, with a view to elaborating policy recommendations which could be brought to the attention of their respective conferences of the parties;

2. *Further decides* that the United Nations Environment Programme, in conformity with paragraph 119 of the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[1] should prepare for consideration by the General Assembly at future sessions periodic thematic reports, with a view to assisting the Assembly in undertaking the intergovernmental reviews envisaged in paragraph 1 above; such reports should be prepared in close collaboration with the secretariats of the conventions and should:

(a) Focus on scientific assessments of ecological linkages between the conventions, making full use of the capacity of the United Nations Environment Programme in environmental assessment and monitoring;

(b) Synthesize the results of relevant studies and other activities taking place, both individually and jointly, under the conventions;

3. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, in consultation with the executive secretaries of the conventions and the secretariat of the Commission on Sustainable Development, to prepare proposals regarding the possible themes, scope and timing of such reviews and submit those proposals for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session.

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[4] A/53/477.